

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;  
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton;  
Tony Hammond and  
Robert G. Taub

Competitive Product Prices  
Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 7 (MC2009-32)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2009-43

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued July 20, 2012)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire July 27, 2012.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service requests that the Commission grant an extension to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect until such time as the Commission can complete its review process of a concurrently filed notice amending the Existing Agreement.<sup>2</sup>

Contemporaneously with the instant Motion, the Postal Service filed a request for the Commission to review the Notice of Amendment to the Existing Agreement that would extend the negotiated rates through January 2013. *Id.* However, the Postal

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<sup>1</sup> Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, July 19, 2012 (Motion).

<sup>2</sup> See *also* Notice of United States Postal Service of Change in Termination Date Pursuant to Amendment to Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 7, July 19, 2012 (Notice of Amendment).

Service recognizes that the Commission will likely be unable to complete its review of the Notice of Amendment prior to the July 27, 2012 expiration date. *Id.* To maintain continuity, the Postal Service requests that the terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement be extended until the Commission completes its review of the Notice of Amendment. *Id.*

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue until the Commission completes its review of the Notice of Amendment. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed July 19, 2012, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue until the Commission completes its review of the Notice of Amendment, filed July 19, 2012.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams  
Acting Secretary